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1. CRP is produced by diseased vascular tissue. – This thesis.
2. Serum CRP, measured high sensitively, is related to the extent of atherosclerotic disease and to future cardiovascular events. – This thesis.
3. *Chlamydia pneumoniae* infection can induce a clinically relevant hypercoagulable state in patients with atherosclerotic disease. – This thesis.
4. A short-term antibiotic treatment has no effect on cardiovascular survival and on changes in ankle-brachial pressure index in patients with peripheral arterial disease. – This thesis.
5. Time-to-surgery is an independent risk factor for pressure ulcer development and prolonged hospital stay in patients with hip fractures. – Rademakers et al, 2005, submitted.
6. Sacral neuromodulation is a feasible treatment option for faecal incontinence in patients with structurally intact sphincters. – Uludag et al, 2004.
7. Vacuum assisted closure should become the treatment of choice for chronic leg ulcers. – Vuerstaek et al, 2005, submitted.
8. Morbidity, hospital stay, convalescence, and costs after colonic surgery may be reduced by implementation of a multi-modal rehabilitation programme aiming to reduce surgical stress responses, through optimized dynamic pain relief with continuous epidural analgesia, early mobilization and oral nutrition. Henrik Kehlet, 2005.
9. In the fields of observation, chance favours only the prepared mind. – Louis Pasteur, 1854.
10. Actual operative skill cannot be gained by observation, any more than skill in playing the violin can be had by hearing and seeing a virtuoso performing on that instrument. – Allen Whipple, 1949.
11. I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world. – Socrates.